

# Exford Primary School

Newsletter No 8 – Term 2, 2022

Thursday 26 May 2022



[www.exfordps.vic.edu.au](http://www.exfordps.vic.edu.au)

## Ms Campo's News....

### Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival

Well done to our Exford kids for the great day at our Athletics Carnival yesterday and a big thank you to Mr Patty and his team for the organisation of the event. The weather was kind to us and our Exford kids were very well behaved, as always! ☺



### Due to the Office

### On Next Week

- Monday 30 and Tuesday 31 May
  - Year 5-6 Swimming Program
- Thursday 2 June
  - Year 5-6 Swimming Program
- Friday 3 June
  - MPSSA Year 5-6 Lightning Premiership

*At Exford these qualities are really important:  
and it's up to all of us to show them every day in everything  
we say and everything we do!*



RESPECT



KINDNESS



PERSONAL BEST

## Recognising our Education Support team

We have celebrated our Education Support staff this week and had a special Assembly where the children presented our ES with a certificate and a cheerful gerber flower to say thank you. The children also created special tokens in class.

## Staff and student absences

We continue to have student absences due to both COVID and the flu virus that is doing the rounds (had my turn...not pleasant at all ☹️). If your child is not well, we advise you to keep them at home. Please advise the Office of student absences using the FlexiSchools app on the day of absence. Covering staff absences is still a bit challenging, as there continue to be no local CRTs. We are using our staff to cover absences, such as Mr Wilson is covering Mr Gundry's daddy-leave. Covering the classes comes first, but it does mean other school activities or functions are not responded to as quickly as we would usually do – there is only so much we can do in a day at the moment!

## Exford works

The work has commenced on our connection to mains water and sewerage and the Council have also informed us of the imminent road works to occur in June. I have included the schedule for the works on resurfacing Exford Road later in this Bulletin.

I think the next couple of months with the proposed road works are going to test us all, more so than the impact of our works on the car parking. We will all have to find some more patience within ourselves and know that it is short term pain for long term gain!

## Year 5-6 Swimming Program

Our Year 5-6 students have started their Swimming program this week and are enjoying their time in the pool.



## Dates to Remember 2022

### Term 2

#### Friday 27 May

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program
- Prep Werribee Zoo Excursion

#### Monday 30 May and Tuesday 31 May

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Thursday 2 June

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Friday 3 June

- MPSSA Year 5-6 Lightning Premiership

#### Monday 6 June – Wednesday 8 June

- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Friday 10 June

- Year 1-2 Wild Life Incursion program
- Year 5-6 Swimming Program

#### Monday 13 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Thursday 23 June

- 2022 Semester 1 Reports sent home
- Assessment slides for Reading, Writing and Maths posted to Seesaw

#### Friday 24 June

- End of Term 2 (2.30 pm dismissal)

### Term 3

#### Monday 11 July

- Term 2 commences for Staff only

#### Monday 11 July

- Pupil Free Day No 4 - We hope this will be Moving Day (☺️!)
- Please note that this day may need to shift, depending on completion of the Admin and Junior Learning Building works – we hope to have the completion day confirmed at our next Site Meeting (early June).
- Completion date will be affected by the installation of the floor surfaces (vinyl and carpet) and the completion of water and sewer works
- I will confirm the Pupil Free Day for you as soon as I know

#### Tuesday 12 July

- Term 2 commences for Students





To celebrate Education Week, we have partnered with six local primary schools to create an amazing art exhibition, which is on display outside Australia Post until Monday, 13 June.

Vote for your favourite artwork by visiting the art display in-centre and scanning the QR Code. The school with the most votes at the end will WIN a \$1,000 Officeworks voucher.

For more information visit [Event: Vote for your favourite local school artwork - May 23, 2022 | The Village Bacchus Marsh](#)

## Victorian premiers' reading challenge

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is now open and Exford Primary School is excited to be participating.

## Book Club



ISSUE 4 Out Now!  
To place your order  
please click on the  
link below:

To browse the current catalogue, use this link:  
<https://scholastic.com.au/media/7123/aus-bc4-final-web.pdf>

This issue will close on Tuesday 7 June.

## CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund)

The CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps, and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use only towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student is: \$125 for primary school students.

If you applied for the CSEF at Exford Primary School in 2021, you do not need to complete an application form in 2022 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. Your child's school will apply for the CSEF on your behalf.

You will only need to apply in 2022 if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **New student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools in 2022 or you did not apply at the same school in a previous year
- **Changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2021

If a form was not lodged in 2021, parents or legal guardians are required to complete a CSEF application form and lodge it with their child's school for processing.

Application forms should be completed and lodged with schools as soon as possible in Term One, as payments are made from March onwards. However, schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term Two each year. Application forms can be collected from the office or obtained directly from the website.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) application form 2020 ([education.vic.gov.au](http://education.vic.gov.au))

## Canteen

The Canteen will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday each week. The canteen will be CLOSED on Wednesdays, until further notice. No over the counter sales. To order please visit the following web page: [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au)

## Fundraising

Fundraising efforts work hand in hand with our school's ICT budget to provide our kids with access to Reading Eggs, Mathletics and iPads.

We will hold a range of fun fundraising activities throughout the year, some are traditional parts of our Fundraising approach and these happen each year.

- Term 3 – Father's Day Stall
- Term 4 – End of year Raffle and Christmas Concert BBQ



**Our 2022 target is...**  
**\$5,000 - \$10,000.**

**Our Tally so far...**

**\$2,137.50**

## Specialist Timetable

CLASS	Art	PE	LOTE (French)
Prep Micallef	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Prep Smyth	Tuesday	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 1-2 Ambrose	Wednesday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Higgins	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 1-2 Monagle	Friday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 1-2 Roe	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Fyfe	Wednesday	Wednesday	Monday
Year 3-4 Gundry	Wednesday	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 3-4 Tekin	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5-6 Mounsey	Tuesday	Tuesday	Monday
Year 5-6 Mastrop	Wednesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
Year 5-6 Talevski	Tuesday	Wednesday	Tuesday

## Attendance – Every moment of every day counts

### Did you know that:

When children regularly arrive late, they miss out on so much:

- They miss on the lovely morning meet and greet that connects children to their classmates, staff and classroom environment and is an important part of children feeling that they belong
- We schedule literacy and numeracy for our morning lessons – so regular lateness means that children are missing critical learning
- The opportunity to prepare for the school day (including changing their Take Home book for reading that night)

**Please help your child to arrive on time**

**for school every day – especially as we try to support children even more after the Remote Learning challenges of 2020 and 2021.**

**Please make sure that your child is only absent if they are unwell – EVERY day at school counts.**

**If your child has missed 5 days or less this school year.**

This will support your child to achieve their best at school – academically and personally.

**If your child has missed more than 10 days this school year.**

The amount of time your child is missing will impact on their learning and their friendships.

**CAUTION - If your child has missed more than 15 days this school year - your child is missing so much time from school that it will be extremely difficult for them to keep up with their learning, their friendships and to feel connected to school.**

A reminder that all holiday absences require an Absence Learning Plan, developed with your child's teacher and signed by the Principal or Assistant Principal to cover your child's absence.

Please make sure that you use the FlexiSchools app or email the school directly on [exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:exford.ps@education.vic.gov.au) – all student absences must be explained in writing.

# Happy Birthdays!!

**To our students who celebrated their birthday 13 - 26 May**

**Seana, Leroy, Poppy, Darren, Bailey and Levi**

We love celebrating birthdays at school, making a fuss over the child who is celebrating and (individually wrapped store-bought) birthday treats are always welcome! We also love for birthday children to visit us in the Office for a sticker and birthday song.

Having birthdays at school is a very special event and if your child is absent on their birthday, they miss out on all the fuss made over them.





# Student of the week



## Week 3

## Week 4

	Student	Exford Value	Student	Exford Value
Year Prep Micallef	Daman	<i>Personal Best</i>	Savana	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year Prep Smyth	Alina	<i>Respect</i>	Tavleen	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 1 - 2 Ambrose	Mirha	<i>Personal Best</i>	Emmanuel	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Higgins	Christian	<i>Personal Best</i>	Kirat	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 1 - 2 Monagle	Avnoor	<i>Kindness</i>	Emity	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 1 - 2 Roe	Ahmad	<i>Personal Best</i>	Dishen	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 3 - 4 Fyfe	Afraa	<i>Personal Best</i>	Alice	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 3 - 4 Gundry	Marcus	<i>Personal Best</i>	Caleb	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 3 - 4 Tekin	Aleks	<i>Respect</i>	Trey	<i>Kindness</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mounsey	Ava	<i>Kindness</i>	Grace	<i>Respect</i>
Year 5 - 6 Mastrop	Arbab	<i>Personal Best</i>	Sienna	<i>Personal Best</i>
Year 5 - 6 Talevski	Gurekam	<i>Personal Best</i>	Levi	<i>Respect</i>
The Arts	Alex	<i>Respect</i>	Rylan	<i>Respect</i>
Physical Education	Kaiden	<i>Personal Best</i>	Amneet	<i>Personal Best</i>
French	Rommy	<i>Personal Best</i>	Alina	<i>Personal Best</i>
OSH Club	Tyler	<i>Kindness</i>	Sienna	<i>Kindness</i>

**Congratulations to the following students who received  
Student of the Week Certificates for Week 3 & 4**

## Latest Construction Photos



The entry columns from which the front gate will hang.



Front door of the classroom (there will be a colour panel where it is currently brown).



Sliding wall between two classrooms



Children's bathroom and handwashing basin (male, female and accessible bathrooms in all buildings)



Doorway into the JLB through the toilet corridor.



Side view of JLB



Looking between two classrooms with the middle door retracted.



Classroom - ceiling panels, whiteboards and AC installed.



Classroom - bag boxes and pinboards installed.



JLB - children's toilets hallway will be accessible from the classroom corridor and from outside in the playground



# ★ 3/4 T ★



On the 18th of May 3/4 T went to Scienceworks. We had an amazing day as a class. It was our first excursion for the year.

We participated in a Coding session. We learnt how to code a self driving M-bot using a software on the Ipad.



We learnt about the human body, healthy eating and staying active. We also raced Cathy Freeman.



Lastly, we walked through the 'Think Ahead' experience. It had more than 200 objects from the past, the present and the speculative future. It was awesome!!

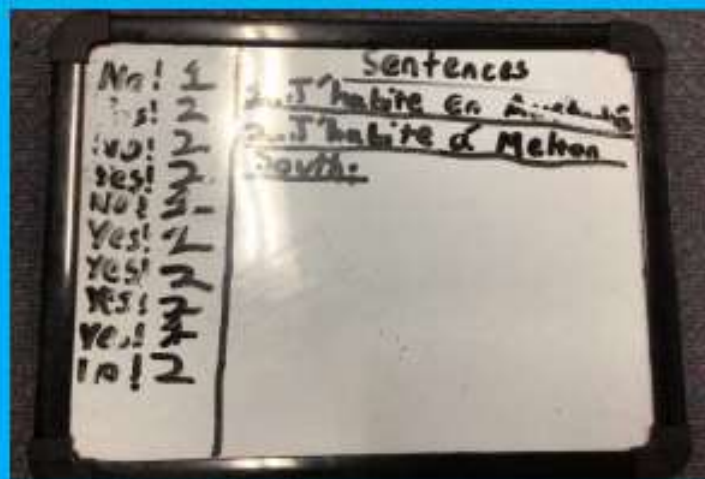
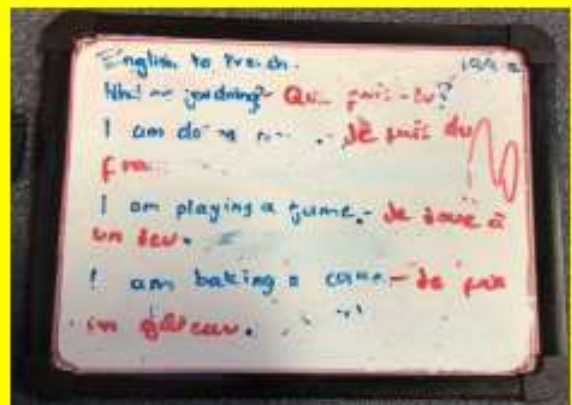




# French / Français

Salut Exford PS,

Term 2 2022: learning and having fun with places we want to go, our numbers and colours in French.



Olala!





# Message from Melton Council re Road Works

## Exford Road Reconstruction – Project Update & Notice of Night Works

Exford Road between Eynesbury Road and Werribee River Bridge is planned for full reconstruction in the coming weeks. The works will include:

- Reconstruction of the road pavement.
- Installation of new safety railings.
- Installation of new line marking, including audio tactile edge markings.
- Re-construction of affected crossovers at driveways.

Construction will consist of four stages. The number of days is estimated and pending weather.

- Stage 1: Five x night works with full road closure from 8pm – 5am.
- Stage 2: Three and a half weeks of single lane traffic management arrangement from 9:30am to 3:30pm.
- Stage 3: Two x night works with full road closure from 8pm – 5am.
- Stage 4: One x single lane traffic management arrangement from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

A Heavy Vehicle Detour will be in place for the duration of the works. All road users will be directed to detour during night road closures; details of the detour and any other project information can be found at:-

<https://www.melton.vic.gov.au/Council/Major-Projects/Works-Projects/Exford-Road-road-reconstruction>

There will also be VMS - Visual LED Messaging System installed on-site prior, informing road users of the commencement date. Native vegetation exclusion zones and tree protection measures will be established and maintained for the duration of the works.

The completed project will provide a number of benefits to the community.

- Reconstruction of the pavement will address the existing poor condition and ongoing deterioration of the surface providing improved safety for road users
- New road safety barriers in accordance with current Safety Standards will ensure a continuance of road safety
- New line marking including audio tactile edge lane markings will assist in countering road run-off accidents
- Improved road shoulder treatments will provide vehicles travelling along the road a safer area to pull over in an emergency

Access to driveways and properties located on this section of Exford Road will be maintained. Emergency vehicles will always be given escorted access through the works. Works will be programmed to minimise impacts for road users; however, we acknowledge there will be inconvenience to road users during construction.

Please note, Greater Western Water will also be undertaking works in proximity to Council Works. These works will span from Exford Primary School to Werribee Bridge and occur from May 23 to late August, 2022.

Should you have any queries regarding these works, please contact Deni Najdovski, Council's Capital Project Officer, on 0418 362 660 or email [DeniN@melton.vic.gov.au](mailto:DeniN@melton.vic.gov.au).



## What's been happening....

This fortnight the children have been engaging in a wide range of sensory activities. We have made stress balls, slime, sensory jars, sensory bags and played with some new kinetic sand and water beads. The children have been excited to participate in the new activities and have given us some great ideas on what they would like to do next!

During our Pupil Free Day on Friday we made fruit smoothies. All the children were eager to choose which fruits they would like to add. Most of the children were adventurous and chose fruits they had not tried before or not normally eat to try something new! It was great to hear the feedback from the children that they enjoyed the experience.

We have been playing outdoors of an afternoon while the sun is still out. The children have been creating their own games while also enjoying playing on the playground together or playing in the sandpit.

We hope you have a great weekend!

Kim and Georgina

## Recipe

### Salt Dough

#### Ingredients

- 4 cups of flour
- 1 cup of table salt
- 1.5 cups of water

#### Method

- Grab your large mixing bowl, and add in the flour and salt. Stir until well combined. Then, slowly stream in the warm water while stirring. Keep stirring until you've added all the water.
- You'll get to a point where it is too hard to stir with a spoon. Put it down and use your hands to get in there and mix it well.
- Once the dough starts to come together, keep kneading with your hands for a few minutes until the dough is smooth and pliable.

Now that your salt dough is made, you can use it just like you would modelling clay to make sculptures, or you can roll it and cut it out to make ornaments or salt dough handprints.

#### Baking Instructions

Bake your dough in the oven at 120°C for around 1 to 2 hours depending on the thickness of the creation. The creation should be dry and firm and is now ready to decorate.



## Coming Up

Jun  
13

### Queen's Birthday Long Weekend

Exford OSHClub will be closed due to the public holiday on Monday 13th of June.

Jun  
24

### Last Day of Term 2

This term will end on the 24th of June. Exford OSHClub will be running an early school finish session today.

## Special Announcements

Congratulations to our most recent students of the week Mia and Sienna W for showing kindness.

We would like to wish ~~SEARA~~ Poppy and Bailey big HAPPY BIRTHDAY as they celebrated their birthday this fortnight.

~~Emily~~ and Max have been creating train tracks together!



## Rugby Incursion

This fortnight on Wednesday afternoons the children have been enjoying a visit from ~~Wendy~~ who has been teaching us some rugby skills. The children have been improving their kicking and throwing skills in both the planned session and during other times of free play. We look forward to the children continuing with their interest in ball sports and being able to teach each other some new skills.



Unfortunately, our weekly incursion ends this week (25/5) but we are hoping to find some new ways of incorporating sports sessions via community connections soon. Please reach out if you know anyone interested in sharing something with the children :)





ISSUE 4  
2022

ORDERS  
DUE BACK BY:

LEARN MORE  
ABOUT  
**Book Club**

See our Parents' Guide  
[scholastic.com.au/parents](https://www.scholastic.com.au/parents)

# Book Club



\$6

**001**  
**NEW! Reading Challenge**

The Reading Challenge is a fun way for Ella and her friends to learn about books and reading.



INCLUDES  
2 BFF NECKLACES

**002**  
**Ella Diaries BFF 2.0**  
Tune into the Ella Diaries BFF 2.0 series.



ISSUE 4 OUT NOW



**005**  
**NEW! Minecraft Amazing Bite-Size Builds**

Learn how to design, build and customise over 20 new Minecraft mini-projects.  
96 pp. Hardcover. AGES 7+

~~\$16.99~~ **CLUB PRICE \$16.00**



**006**  
**NEW! Wacky Wishes**

Zombie falls through a sand pit and finds himself in the Desert Biome.  
144 pp. AGES 8+

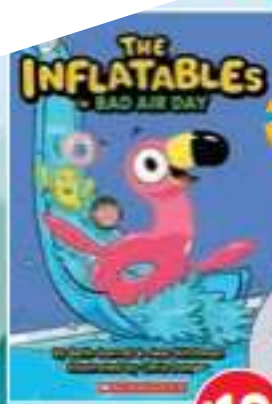
~~\$9.99~~



**007**  
**NEW! Lolly Time!**

Hotdog and his friends compete to invent the best new lolly!  
128 pp. AGES 6+

~~\$14.99~~ **CLUB PRICE \$11.00**



**008**  
**NEW! Bad Air Day**

These forgotten waterpark floats come-up with a plan to become famous!  
128 pp. AGES 7+

~~\$10.99~~



**009**  
**Lego Gear Bots**

Make ten moving models and games, while learning about gears and robotics.  
78 pp. AGES 8+

~~\$29.99~~ **CLUB PRICE \$26.00**

INCLUDES 42 LEGO  
ELEMENTS



**010**  
**NEW! Gratitude & Love 10-Pack**

A collection of stories reminding us to be grateful for what we have.  
10 books, each 24 pp.  
AGES 3+

~~\$29.99~~

**\$29**

SAVE  
**\$100**



**011**  
**Chatterpuss**

Noisy Chatterpuss and quiet Glenn drive each other around the bend!  
32 pp. Hardcover. AGES 3+

~~\$17.99~~

**\$3**

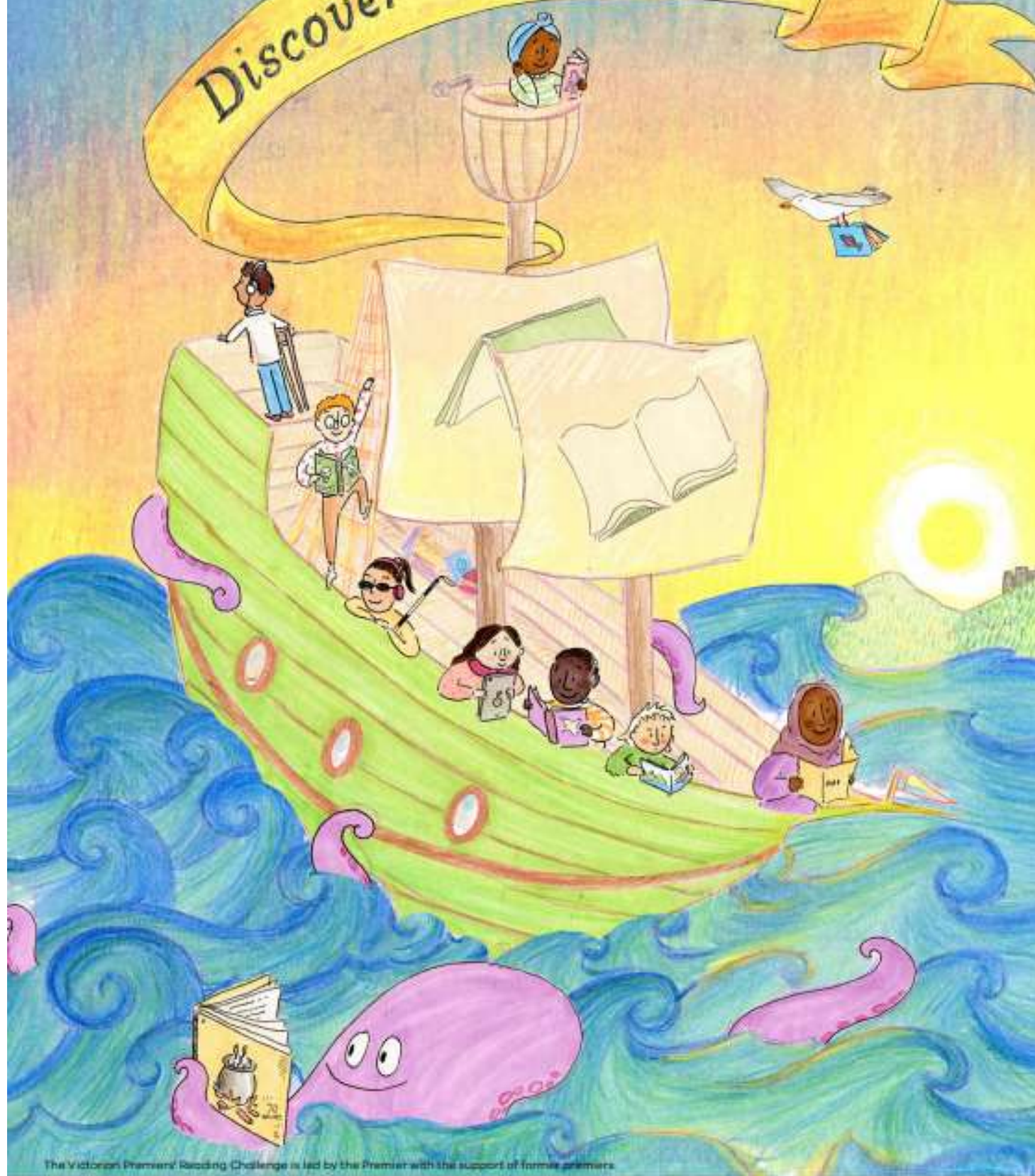
**SCHOLASTIC**

**EVERY CHILD  
DESERVES A BOOK**



Victorian  
premiers'  
reading  
challenge

Discover a new chapter



The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



To register, visit [education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://education.vic.gov.au/prc)

